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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

AUTOPSY REPORT

Case 73 - 3353

August 13, 1973

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS ON THE BODY
OF

Donald Wayne Waldrop
904 Tulane Street
Houston, Texas

Asphyxia due to strangulation.

OPINION

It is our opinion that the decedent, Donald Wayne Waldrop, came to his death as a result of asphyxia due to strangulation - homicide.

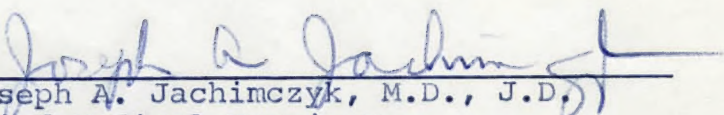
It is our further opinion that the time of death was on or about January 30, 1971.

COMMENT: Initially, the clothing which Mr. Everett Waldrop positively identified as belonging to his sons, Donald Wayne and Jerry Lynn, were submitted with the skeletal remains of Unknowns #9 and #10. The amalgam filling in tooth number 30 matched the description furnished by him for Donald and since the other skeletal criteria also were consistent with the size and age of his two sons, the skeletal remains of Unknowns #9 and #10 were released to him and interred in Georgia.

Subsequently, during the continuing process of identification of other victims, the antemortem X-rays submitted by Dr. Robert H. Shame were compared to the postmortem radiographs of the

jaws of Unknowns #9 and #13. It was then determined that the skeletal remains of Unknown #9 were actually those of David William Hilligiest and Unknown #10 were those of Gregory Malley Winkle, Unknown #13 were those of Donald Wayne Waldrop, and Unknown #14 were those of Jerry Lynn Waldrop.

On September 7, 1973, the appropriate parties were informed of the misidentification. The necessary steps were initiated to exchange the respective skeletal remains. This was accomplished during the week of September 17, 1973.



Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., J.D.
Chief Medical Examiner

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POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODIES OF

Donald Wayne Waldrop
and
Jerry Lynn Waldrop
904 Tulane Street
Houston, Texas

HISTORY: The skeletal remains were discovered among seventeen bodies at 4500 Silverbell Street, Stall #11, Houston, Texas, between 6:00 p.m. on August 8, 1973, and 8:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973. These skeletal remains were found together with Unknown #14, next to the front door, head to the north, at approximately 6:00 p.m. on August 9, 1973.

AUTOPSIES: The autopsies were performed by Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., assisted by Assistant Medical Examiners G. Sheldon Green, M.D., and Ethel E. Erickson, M.D., and Dr. Paul G. Stimson, beginning at 1:15 p.m. on August 13, 1973, in the Harris County Morgue.

EXTERNAL APPEARANCE: The skeletal remains of unidentified bodies #13 and #14 (73-3353 and 73-3354) were totally intermingled when they arrived to the Harris County Morgue. One of the skulls was arbitrarily assigned to Case Number 73-3353 and the other arbitrarily assigned to Case Number 73-3354. Examination of these intermingled skeletons showed substantial differences in the shapes of two skulls. Skull #13 showed considerably greater prominence and ruggedness of the points of muscular attachment in the posterior and inferior portions of the skull, suggesting a somewhat more rugged and muscular individual than #14. Examination of numerous comparable bones showed varying degrees of difference in their structure with one set showing heavier muscular attachment and general overall greater thickness and mass in the bone. Those bones showing the more rugged and heavier structure were believed to be those which belonged to skull #13, while the lighter bones were believed to nearly match the structure of skull #14. Within these remains there were two separate skulls with two mandibles that fit each of the two respective skulls.

The skeletal remains labeled #13 and #14 together consisted of portions of two skeletons, including hair, two skulls and clothing. Within the remains, there were a number of partially

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torn items of clothing. One was a blue with white striped short sleeved shirt, size 16, Kaynee, tapered. There was also a small pair of torn maroon with white stripes long trousers with a built in belt. There were two maroon ankle length socks with a single white stripe at the ankle level, 8 inches in length from toe to heel. There was a leather belt which measured 26 inches in length from the hole where the buckle usually was kept. There was a buckle with a single prong. There was also a green shirt. There also was a pair of brown wool socks which measured 11 inches in length from toe to heel. There was a pair of green-brown trousers. The trouser length measured 26 inches in length from crotch to ankle. In this pair of pants, there was a wide leather belt with a silver hand stamped buckle. There was a strand of adhesive tape to which there was adherent dark brown hair, measuring up to 7 inches in length. There was similar dark brown hair on each of the skulls, and each measured approximately 7 inches in length. There were two pairs of low cut shoes, one pair of dark brown loafers which measured 11-1/2 inches in length labeled on the sole with Goodyear Wingfoot. The heels were not very worn. There was another pair of black loafers which measured 11-1/2 inches in length. Both heels of the black loafers were well worn and rounded. The purple with white striped trousers measured 27-1/2 inches in length from crotch to cuff length. Within the debris, there was a portion of thick paper sack, within which there was a heavier concentration of lime material. This could represent the sack which contained the lime powder originally. This had almost a consistency of plaster of paris. In the brown shoes, there was a label "elevated height increasing shoes". These were described by Mr. Waldrop. He also said that the older brother had the black loafers and that he would trade for a pair of boots at any time. A pair of black loafers was present in Unknowns #13 and #14. There was a strand of cord intermingled with the remains.

Complete postmortem Xrays did not reveal the presence of any radio-opaque objects such as bullets.

The skeletal remains of Unknown #13 (73-3353) consisted of the following: a skull with a high prominent forehead and round shape, the skull was that of a adolescent Caucasian with predominantly

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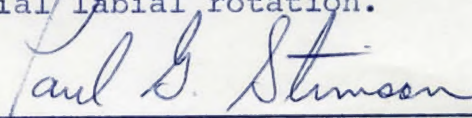
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male features; mandible; cervical vertebrae 1, 2, 4 and 7, the odontoid tubercle of C-2 was completely fused; five thoracic vertebrae, including T-12; two mid lumbar vertebrae; right ilium; right and left ischial pubic bones, there was a postmortem fracture of the right ischial pubic bone, approximately at the site of fusion of the ischium and pubis; right and left clavicles, the proximal and distal epiphyses showed stage 0 fusion; twenty-four ribs, intact; right and left scapulae, showing stage 0 fusion of all epiphyses; right and left humeri, showing stage 0 fusion of all epiphyses; right and left proximal humeral epiphyses; right and left ulnae, showing stage 2 fusion of the proximal epiphyses and stage 0 fusion of the distal epiphyses; right and left radii, showing stage 0 fusion of all epiphyses; right and left femora, showing stage 0 to stage 1 fusion of the proximal epiphyses and stage 0 fusion of the distal epiphyses, the proximal epiphyses were in place on the femoral shafts, but could be pushed off without great difficulty, suggesting that fusion had begun to occur, it was at a very early phase; right and left tibiae with stage 0 fusion of all epiphyses; left distal tibial epiphysis; right fibula; left talus; and right 3rd, 4th and 5th metatarsals, showing stage 0 fusion of the epiphyses.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

The Universal System, upper right 1 through 16 and lower left 17 through 32, was utilized as follows: All four third molars are in their crypts. In the upper right second molar, there is occlusal lingual caries. This is tooth number 2. The upper right first molar has been extracted, tooth number 3. There is mesial occlusal distal caries in the upper right second bicuspid, tooth number 4. Distal occlusal caries in the upper right first bicuspid, tooth number 5. Mesial caries on the upper right cuspid, tooth number 6. Mesial and distal caries in the upper right lateral, tooth number 7. Mesial and distal caries in the upper right central, tooth number 8. Mesial and distal caries in the upper left central, tooth number 9. Distal caries in the upper left lateral, tooth number 10. Mesial caries in the upper left cuspid, tooth number 11. The upper right first molar has been extracted, tooth number 14. There is distal occlusal caries in the upper left second molar, tooth number 15. There is buccal pit caries occlusal lingual caries on the lower left second molar, tooth number 18. The lower left first molar has been extracted. There is distal caries on the lower right lateral tooth number 26. Mesial caries on the lower right cuspid, tooth number 27. There is an amalgam occlusal lingual amalgam and a buccal pit amalgam in the lower right first molar, tooth number 30. There is occlusal and buccal caries in the lower right second molar, tooth number 31. There is a slight maxillary protrusion. The jaw relationships are, otherwise, normal. Tooth number 7 is in mesial labial rotation; tooth 23 distal labial rotation; tooth 25 mesial labial rotation; tooth 26 distal lingual rotation; tooth 27 mesial labial rotation.


Paul G. Stimson, D.D.S., M.S.

Based upon the dental description furnished by the father, Mr. Everett Waldrop and the general appearance of his older son, and coupled with his description of the boys' clothing at the time of their disappearance and his sorting of the clothes in the Harris County Morgue at approximately 3:00 p.m. on August 11, 1973, when he positively identified the long sleeved green striped shirt, the green-brown trousers, and the blue sock, it is our opinion based upon a reasonable medical probability that these skeletal remains are those of Donald Wayne Waldrop.


Joseph A. Jachinczyk, M.D., J.D.

Autopsy

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Investigator: L. C. Kelly

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Case No. 73 - 3353

Decedent: Donald Wayne Waldrop Race W Sex M Age 15

Address: 904 Tulane Street, Houston, Texas

Death: FOUND August 9, 1973 Approx. Time 6:00 ~~AM~~ P.M.

Place of Death: 4500 Silverbell Street, Stall #11, Houston, Texas

Place of Inquest: 4500 Silverbell Street, Stall #11, Houston, Texas

Date and Time of Inquest: August 9, 1973 A.M.
P.M.

Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body:

The skeletal remains were found together with Unknown #14, next to the front door, head to the north.

Clothing: There was no clothing on the body.

Information:

This was a related case to Medicolegal 73 - 3329.

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Property: There was no property involved.

Transferred to Morgue by: William H. Posey Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., Galena Park, Texas

Funeral Home Conducting Service: Heights Funeral Home, Houston, Texas
Removal - Alpharetta, Georgia

1. PLACE OF DEATH

a. COUNTY

HARRIS

b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.)

Houstonc. LENGTH OF STAY
in 1 b.d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address)
HOSPITAL OR
INSTITUTION**4500 Silver Bell - Stall #11**

e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS?

YES ☒NO ☐3. NAME OF
DECEASED

(Type or print)

DONALD

(a) First

(b) Middle

WAYNE

(c) Last

WALDROP

5. SEX

Male

6. COLOR OR RACE

White7. Married ☐ Never Married ☒
Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done
during most of working life, even if retired)**Student**

10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

School

13. FATHER'S NAME

Everett Waldrop

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?

(Yes, no, or unknown)
No

(If yes, give war or dates of service)

16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

8. DATE OF BIRTH

August 15, 19559. AGE (In years
last birthday)**17 1/2**IF UNDER 1 YEAR
Months DaysIF UNDER 24 HRS.
Hours Minutes

11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)

Georgia

12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?

USA

14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

Mary Hendrix

17. INFORMANT

**LOUIS JONES FUNERAL HOME
Alpharetta, Georgia**18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).]
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:

IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a)

Asphyxia due to strangulation.INTERVAL BETWEEN
ONSET AND DEATHConditions, if any,
which gave rise to
above cause (a),
stating the under-
lying cause last.

DUE TO (b)

DUE TO (c)

PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART II(a)

20a. ACCIDENT ☐ SUICIDE ☐ HOMICIDE ☒

20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.)

Strangled.19. WAS AUTOPSY PER-
FORMED?YES ☒ NO ☐20c. TIME OF INJURY
Hour a.m. p.m.
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20d. INJURY OCCURRED

WHILE AT
WORK ☐NOT WHILE
AT WORK ☒20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory,
street, office building, etc.)**4500 Silver Bell-Stall/**

20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION

Houston

COUNTY

Harris

STATE

Texas

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from

from autopsy findings

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Death occurred at

8-9-73

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and last saw the deceased alive

22a. SIGNATURE

Joseph A. Jachimczyk, MD.

(Degree or title)

22b. ADDRESS

**209 Courthouse
Houston, Texas**

22c. DATE SIGNED

8-15-73

23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)

Removal

23b. DATE

August 14, 1973

23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY

24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

HEIGHTS FUNERAL HOME

25c. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE

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